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What is claimed is:

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1. A heated coffee mug comprising:
- a cup with a handle and forming an upper opening orifice;
- a lid for affixing to said cup to enclose said upper opening orifice;
- a base for receiving said cup and provide stability on a horizontal surface;
- and
- heating elements retained within said base, said heating elements powered by 12 volts DC as provided by a motor vehicle to maintain the hot temperature of the contents of said cup.
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2. A heated coffee mug apparatus 5 comprising:
- a generally standard drinking vessel;
- a mug holder for surrounding and providing firm mechanical
- 15 communication with said drinking vessel, said mug holder having a base having a flat lower surface for resting upon a horizontal surface;
- a heating element located within said mug holder; and
- a power cord electrically coupled with a power plug and in electrical communication with said heating element.
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3. The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said power plug is capable of connecting directly to a motor vehicle's power system.

4. The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said power plug is also capable of connecting to a power receptacle.

5. The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element comprises a flexible resistive type heat element located on the interior side of the coffee mug holder, to provide heat via direct mechanical communication to the standard containerized food vessel

6. The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element further comprises a controlling thermostat provided with a pair of fixed set points.